NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER

PERMIT MODIFICATION

PERMIT NO.: ST-7374

APPLICANT: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

Code 106, Building 427 Bremerton, Kitsap County

The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) has applied for a State Waste Discharge permit modification in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Following evaluation of the application for modification and other available information, the Department of Ecology proposes the following modification: Limitations and monitoring requirements are proposed to be added to authorize wastewater discharge to the sanitary sewer from an upgraded system for treatment of metal-bearing wastewater. The new system will replace an older, existing wastewater treatment system. In addition, the proposed modification includes authorization of additional discharges to the sanitary sewer from a number of minor industrial sources.

A tentative determination has been made on the above special permit conditions which are intended to prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and statement of basis may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, e-mail sper461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office 3190 - 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

E-mail comments should be sent to tmil461@ecy.wa.gov.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit modification within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Tricia Miller at 425-649-7201, tmil461@ecy.wa.gov, or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY).

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